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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hironori Kobayashi

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For: Instruments for Forming an  
Immobilized Sample on a Porous  
Membrane, and Methods for  
Quantifying Target Substances in  
Immobilized Samples

Examiner: To Be Assigned

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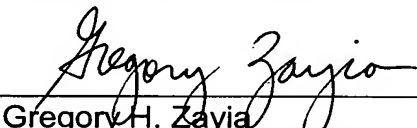
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	A1	01-223352	09/06/1989	Japan	Patent Abstract
	A2	2000-329766	11/30/2000	Japan	Patent Abstract

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